THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.5151 of 2007

Date: 15.03.2007

Between:

Sri Venkateswara Bamboo Industrial Society Ltd.

....Petitioner

And

The Divisional Forest Officer, Warangal South Division, Warangal and others.

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O R D E R:

Petitioner is a Bamboo Industrial Cooperative Society, at Warangal. The raw material i.e., bamboo is supplied to the society by the Forest Department and the Society, in turn, distributes the same to its Members, for using it in preparation of baskets and other bamboo products. The Divisional Forest Officer, Warangal, first respondent herein, directed stoppage of supply of bamboo to the petitioner-Society, on the ground that it had tampered the challans, in the process of securing the bamboos. The petitioner states that the defect pointed out by the first respondent was rectified, by paying the entire amount covered by the relevant challans. The grievance of the petitioner is that the first respondent has not resumed supply of

bamboos, even after the corrective steps were taken. A representation is said to have been made to the first respondent on 17.10.2006, for supply of bamboos, enclosing the challans. It is complained that no action has been taken thereon.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned counsel for the respondents.

Since the raw material to be utilised by the Members of the petitioner-Society is to be procured from reserve forests, the petitioner has to depend upon the allotment made by the first respondent. It was receiving supplies periodically. However, on finding that certain challans were tampered by the petitioner, the first respondent directed stoppage of the supplies. Though it is asserted on behalf of the petitioner that the corrective steps have been taken, to the satisfaction of the first respondent, no material is placed before this Court, to that effect.

Be that as it may, if the petitioner had made a representation for supply of bamboos to its Members, the same needs to be processed. If the enquiry and other steps indicated by the first respondent have concluded, in any particular mode of action, the same needs to be intimated to the petitioner, as a response to its representation. Since the livelihood of several members is involved, the first respondent must act expeditiously.

Therefore, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the first respondent to pass appropriate orders on the representation said to have been made by the petitioner on 17.10.2006, within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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